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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 102699, (B) STATE 121552

1. AMBASSADOR PRESENTED U.S. POSITION ON CRITICAL ISSUES FACING 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC) TO MALIAN MINISTER OF LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE ASSIM DIAWARA MAY 27, LEAVING AIDE-MOIRE IN FRENCH CONTAINING TALKING POINTS SET FORTH IN STATE 102699. AMBASSADOR STRESSED UNITED STATES DID NOT WISH TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO BUT WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO SO IF SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AMONG MEMBER STATES IN PRESERVING FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSES OF ORGANIZATION WERE NOT EVIDENT. FORTHCOMING ILC WOULD BE KEY ELEMENT IN U.S. DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ADEQUATE SUPPORT EXISTED FOR BASIC ILO PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES, EQUITY, AND DUE PROCESS TO ENABLE IT TO REMAIN IN ILO.

2. MINISTER DIAWARA LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY BUT WAS EXPECTEDLY NONCOMMITTAL. HE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF PROBLEM AND WOULD STUDY OUR BRIEF WITH GREAT CARE. HE EXPRESSED
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HOPE THAT ILC WOULD HAVE PRODUCTIVE RESULTS THAT WOULD MEET NEEDS OF UNITED STATES, OTHER MEMBERS, AND ILO ORGANIZATION ITSELF.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED ILO ISSUES WITH SEYDOU DIALLO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WORKERS, ON MAY 23 AND 26. DIALLO'S MAJOR CONCERN WAS WHETHER THE

UNITED STATES WOULD PAY ITS ASSESSMENT. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT UNITED STATES COULD HARDLY PAY IF IT CEASED TO BE A MEMBER. DIALLO INSISTED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO SINCE OTHER MEMBERS HAD MADE MAJOR CONCESSIONS TO U.S. INTERESTS. EMBOFF SAID U.S. DELEGATIONS HAD NOTED SOME PROGRESS IN LAST YEAR'S SESSION BUT WERE STILL CONCERNED THAT ILO MAINTAIN ITS EFFECTIVENESS BY GUARDING ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES. THIS JUNE SESSION WOULD GIVE CLEARER IDEA WHETHER THE ILO HAD RETURNED TO ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSES. DIALLO SAID UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT WORRY. MALI AND OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WERE AWARE OF U.S. CONCERNS AND DETERMINED TO ENGAGE IN CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE.

4. MINISTER OF LABOR HAS LIST OF OUR DELEGATES TO ILC (STATE 103404). MALIAN DELEGATION IS AS FOLLOWS:
ASSIM DIAWARE, MINISTER OF LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE
RAYMOND NEGRE, DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY
SEYDOU DIALLO, SECRETARY GENERAL, NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WORKERS
DOSSOLO TRAORE, PRESIDENT OF MALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, EMPLOYERS REPRESENTATIVE
LASSANA SACKO, TECHNICAL ADVISOR FROM MINISTRY OF LABOR.

5. FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS BY U.S. DELEGATION IN GENEVA MAY BE USEFUL.
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